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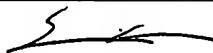
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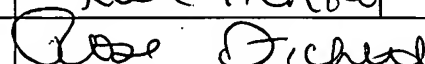
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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed August 1, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 22, 2003; January 4, 2005; February 24, 2005; August 22, 2005; December 12, 2005; and May 30, 2006.

Claims 1-14 and 16-23 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1-8 and 16 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-14 and 16-23 as obvious based on the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,599,818 to Dairiki and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0056839. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the Official Action has not made a *prima facie* case of obviousness.